

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S249–S300*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 189–199, and S. Res. 28–30. **Page S283**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 28, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S283**

#### Measures Passed:

**Condemning The Terrorist Attacks In Paris:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 29, condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris, offering condolences to the families of the victims, expressing solidarity with the people of France, and reaffirming fundamental freedom of expression. **Page S300**

**National School Choice Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 30, designating the week of January 25 through January 31, 2015, as “National School Choice Week”. **Page S300**

#### Measures Considered:

**Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S255–59, S260–72**

##### Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 6), Portman/Shaheen Modified Amendment No. 3 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote energy efficiency. **Pages S255, S263–65, S266–67**

##### Rejected:

Markey/Baldwin Amendment No. 13 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S255, S265–66**

Cantwell (for Franken) Amendment No. 17 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the use of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States in the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and facilities. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S255, S266**

##### Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S255**

Fischer Amendment No. 18 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide limits on the designation of new federally protected land. **Page S267**

Schatz Amendment No. 58 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding climate change. **Pages S267–68**

Murkowski (for Lee) Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 2), to conform citizen suits under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. **Page S268**

Durbin Amendment No. 69 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that the storage and transportation of petroleum coke is regulated in a manner that ensures the protection of public and ecological health. **Pages S268–70**

Murkowski (for Toomey) Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 2), to continue cleaning up fields and streams while protecting neighborhoods, generating affordable energy, and creating jobs. **Page S270**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of the Senate that climate change is real and not a hoax. **Pages S270–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. **Page S300**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on January

20, 2015; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM-1) **Pages S277-81**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S249, S281**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S281-83**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S283-84**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S284-91**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S274-77**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S291-S300**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S300**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S300**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Pages S266-67**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S300.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported committee rules of procedure, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 405-421; 1 private bill, H.R. 422; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 22, were introduced.

**Pages H429-30**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H431**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 38, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 161) to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 36) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114-3). **Page H429**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H413**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H414**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

*Condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Paris:* H. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Paris that resulted in the deaths of seven-

teen innocent persons and offering condolences to those personally affected by this cowardly act.

**Pages H416-18**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened at 4:25 p.m. **Page H419**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. **Page H419**

**State of the Union Address:** President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 7. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Messer, Jenkins (KS), Foxx, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Becerra, Crowley, DeLauro, Edwards, and Takai and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Hatch, Thune, Barrasso, Blunt, Wicker, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Leahy, Tester, Stabenow, and Klobuchar. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114-1). **Pages H419-24**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PERMITTING REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 36, the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”; and H.R. 161, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 5–3, a closed rule for H.R. 161. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 36. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Pompeo, Tonko, and Cohen.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine global challenges and United States national security strategy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine protecting the Internet and consumers through congressional action, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, and committee rules of procedure, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Iran nuclear negotiations, focusing on the status of talks and the role of Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on testing and accountability, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, committee rules of procedure, and H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR–418.

#### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Protecting the Internet and Consumers Through Congressional Action”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time Is Now”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 399, the “Secure Our Borders First Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; markup on H.R. 181, the “Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015”; H.R. 350, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; H.R. 159, the “Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015”; and H.R. 285, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unmanned Aerial Systems Research and Development”, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Reforming and Streamlining the FAA’s Regulatory Certification Processes”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing entitled “Building a Better VA: Assessing Ongoing Major Construction Management Problems within the Department”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10:15 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 161—Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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